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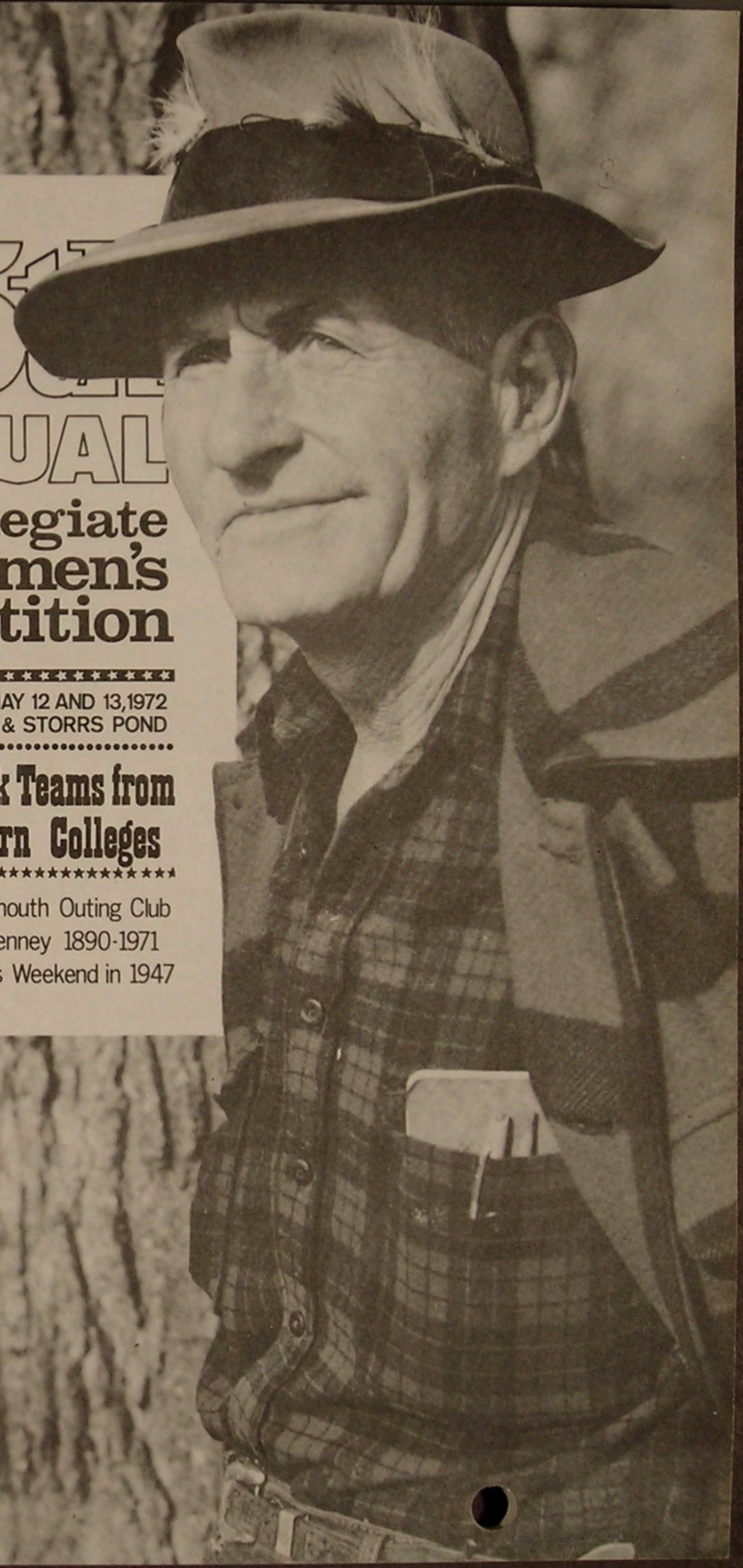
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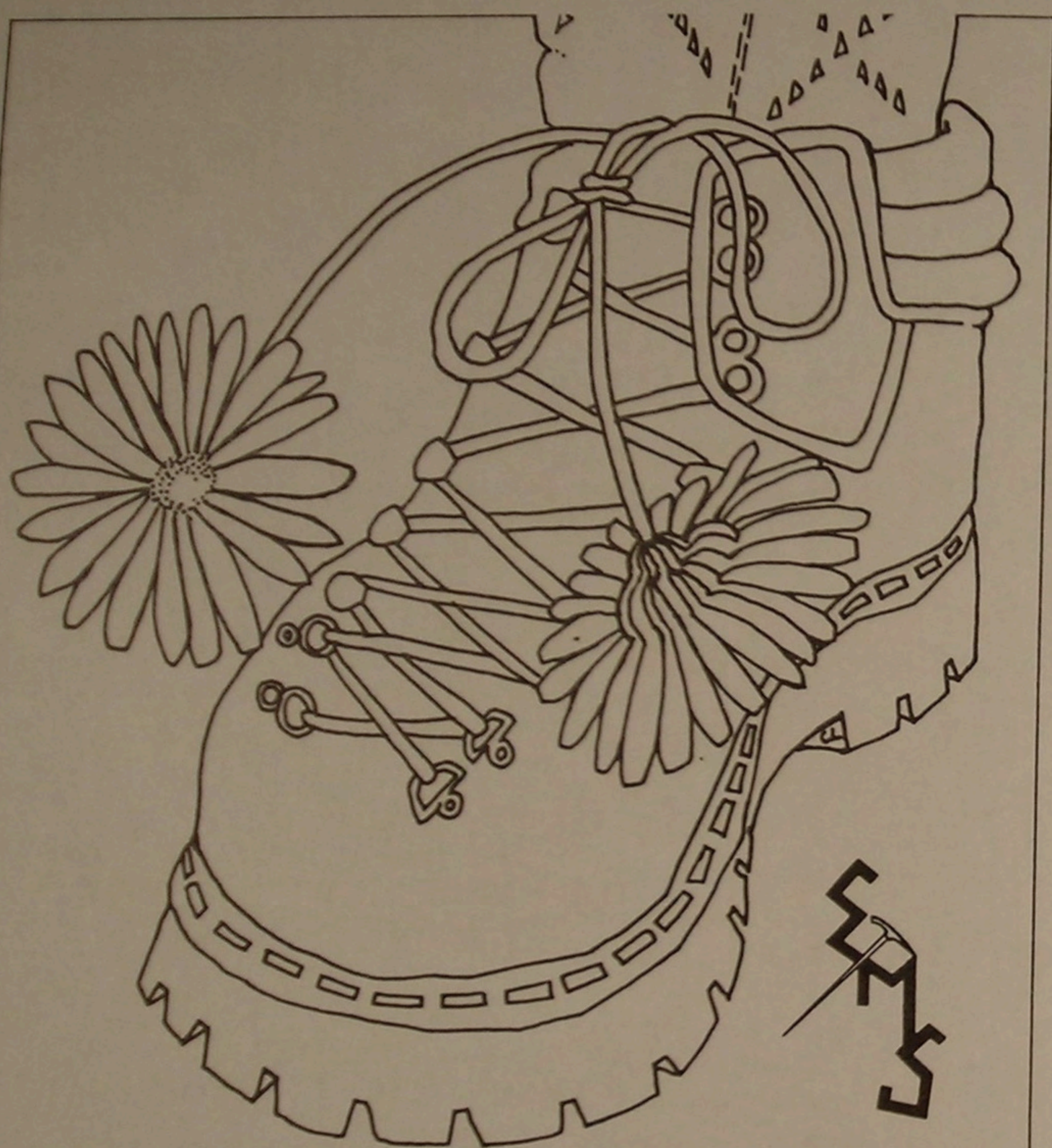
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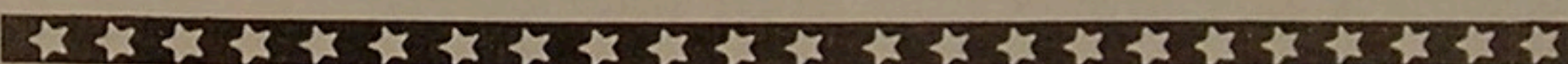
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This year's Woodsmen's Weekend is dedicated to Ross McKenney, former Dartmouth Outing Club advisor who passed away last October. Ross, an experienced and energetic woodsman, organized the first Woodsmen's Weekend twenty-five years ago and encouraged countless Dartmouth undergraduates to appreciate the rewards of the out-of-doors. Once called "America's only college coach of outdoor survival" by *"Popular Mechanics"* magazine, he served the College in an official capacity from 1937-61.

A remarkable repository of woodcraft lore, McKenney was an expert hunter and fisherman, superb cook and "raconteur extraordinaire". His after-dinner stories of Jean Baptiste, a North Country woodsman with unusual strength and prowess, captivated countless audiences, whether on the other side of a woods fire or a linen tablecloth.

Ross was born in Patten, Maine, the son of a Maine Guide. He left school at the age of 13 to cook for a party of timber surveyors. Then for 17 years he followed the great log drives on Maine rivers, turned to trapping soon after this and became known as one of the best guides in the northern woods.

In later years, Ross said that he learned much of his forest lore from a Penobscot Indian chief in the deep Maine woods. He was first president of the Maine Guides Association, an organization which has served as a model for similar groups in other states.

In his Outing Club hobby workshop, McKenney helped generations of undergraduates make snowshoes, paddles, packboards, and other necessities of the woodsman. In addition, he taught them the intricacies of fly- and plug-casting, log-rolling and outdoor cooking.

Many an undergraduate marvelled also at the magic of Ross with a double-bitted axe. He could work his way through a log with economical speed, placing the flying wood chips exactly where he predicted they would fall.

McKenney had much to do with the developing and upkeep of the College's outdoor facilities, ranging from near-to-Hanover cabins and shelters to the Mt. Moosilauke facilities and the College Grant in far northeast New Hampshire. He was foreman for the construction of the large log-cabin style Ravine Lodge at Mr. Moosilauke during 1937-38 and was its first manager.

In addition, he was co-manager with John A. Rand, executive director of the DOC, of Camp Jobildunc in 1940-41 at Mt. Moosilauke. This was a woodcraft summer camp for boys.

Both before and after his retirement, Ross McKenney appeared as a performer for years at Boston's Sportmen's Show. He and "Jean Baptiste" also travelled the speaking circuit for many years throughout New England and New York State.

Ross was one of those rare personalities who had the ability to reach out to and inspire even his most casual audiences. Ross was a tireless proponent of the out-of-doors, a great teacher, but, above all, a friend.

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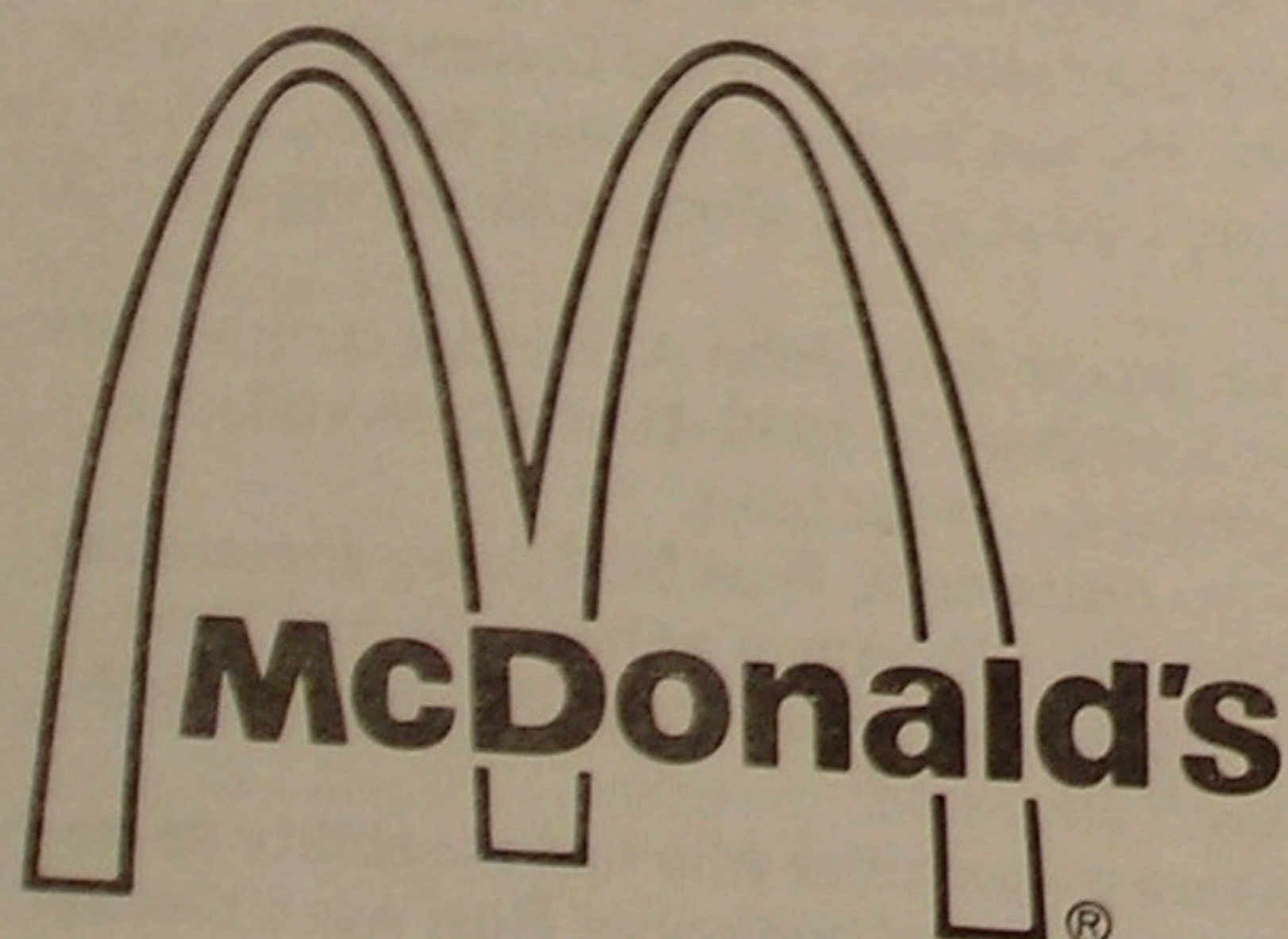
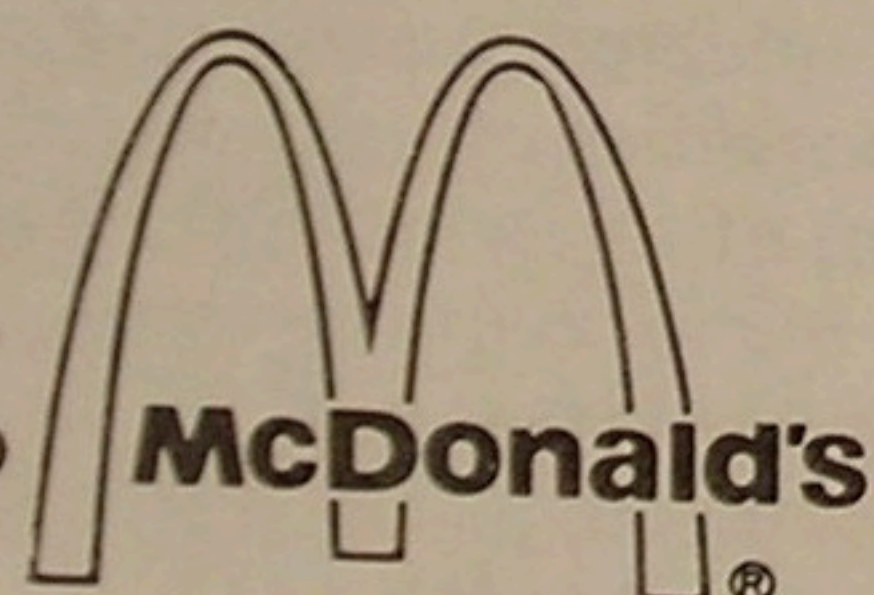
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<i>Dinner</i>	5:00 - 6:45 P.M.	5:00 - 6:45 P.M.

25TH ANNUAL INTERCOLLEGIATE WOODSMEN'S WEEKEND MEET

Honorary Chairman — President Emeritus John Dickey

Meet Director — Jeff Clear '72

Head Faculty Judge — Mr. Sam Smith

Head Student Judge — Fred Bickford '72

Director of Competition Set-up — Bob Averill '72

Faculty Advisors — Mr. Earl Jette, Mr. John Rand

Master of Ceremonies — Mr. Bill Robes

Director of Publicity — Scott Mason '74

Dartmouth Team Captain — Jim Taylor '74

Guest Speaker — Mr. Robert Pike, author of *Tall Trees, Tough Men*
(W. W. Norton & Company, Inc. 1967), Chairman of the Foreign
Language Department at Monmouth College, New Jersey.

Judges

Charles W. Allen

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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY

- 11:00 — At Storrs Pond
Captains' Meeting
1:30 — Canoeing Competitions
4:00 — Packboard Race

SATURDAY

- 8:00 — On the Green
Captains' Meeting
8:30 — Official Opening Ceremony
9:00 — Singles Events
Dot splitting
Axe throw
Pulp throw
Spin casting
Fly casting
Chain throw
10:00 — Round Robin
Scoot loading
Pulp throw (team)
Log rolling
11:30 — Felling
12:30 — Lunch
1:30 — Team Events
Splitting
Speed chopping
Buck sawing
Crosscut sawing
4:00 — Fire building
7:00 — Robert Pike, author of *Tall Trees, Tough Men*, will
speak and show a movie in Filene Auditorium.

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DARTMOUTH OUTING CLUB

The Dartmouth Outing Club, sponsor of this spring's meet, is sixty-three years old this year, which makes it the oldest outing club in the country. Founded in 1909 by Fred Harris '11 to stimulate interest in previously neglected winter sports (Harris owned the only pair of skis on campus at the time), the D.O.C. has since expanded into a diverse conglomerate of interrelated activities. The service activities of the club are carried on by three major divisions. By far the most active of these is Cabin and Trail, whose four seasons activities encompass almost every form of outdoor recreation from cabin and trail maintenance to ski touring, climbing, and sponsorship of the Woodsmen's Weekend program. Among the division's responsibilities are the upkeep of 75 miles of Appalachian Trail linking the systems in the Green and White Mountains and the D.O.C.'s 13 cabins and seven shelters stretched along the trail and in the College's 27,000 acre timberland reserve in northeastern New Hampshire. Winter Sports, the second of the three divisions to be founded, handles ski meets and the intramural ski program, and other winter recreation with the exception of ski touring, snowshoeing, and winter mountaineering, which are handled by Cabin and Trail. A third division, Environmental Studies, serves the college community by providing education and action in environmental protection. The ESD maintains a regional environmental resources library for the use of interested persons.

In addition to the three divisions, the D.O.C. has affiliated with it several specialized clubs devoted to hunting, technical climbing, horseback riding, trapshooting, and white- and flat-water canoeing. The coming of coeducation will open up a new era in College and D.O.C. history and, as always, the club hopes to continue as a vital recreational outlet for the entire college community.

WOODSMEN'S WEEKEND 1947-1972

The Woodsmen's Weekend competition was organized in 1947 by the late Ross McKenney, DOC woodcraft advisor. The contest was born from a desire to pass on to others the fun and craft of using lumberjack tools plus an appreciation of the rough pride in this vanishing breed of man.

Dartmouth, the University of Maine and Kimball Union Academy were the only schools represented in the first few years. As time passed, more teams became involved. Today between 10 and 15 schools in the Northeast support active woodsmen's teams. Although the number of events and competitors has increased, the spirit of Woodsmen's Weekend remains one of friendly rivalry among men who share a heartfelt appreciation of the out-of-doors. Dartmouth is pleased to host Woodsmen's Weekend on its twenty-fifth anniversary.

DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS

Each event is worth 100 points. The team with the fastest time or greatest accuracy is awarded 100 points; scoring for the other teams is graded proportionately to these winning results.

While allowing legitimate innovations or technique improvements for the various events, the rules are intended to ensure some similarity to the conditions under which woodsmen must actually function.

Following are capsule descriptions of this weekend's events:

1. One Man Canoe Race. The object will be to canoe an obstacle course. Total time for two single canoeists will be used in scoring.
2. Two Man Canoe Race. The object will be to canoe the same course as in event 1. Two men shall make a team and run the course once.
3. Portage Race. The object of this race is to paddle the canoe over a stretch of water, carry it overland with the aid of a packboard, and finish back through water. Two men will run the course; the total time will be used for scoring. The entrants may not paddle with the pack on or portage with the pack off.
4. Packboard Race. The object will be to lash a blanket, sand bag (weighing 50 lbs.) and a 10" frying pan to a packboard and run a course. Each man will take a turn carrying the pack.
5. Dot Splitting. The object will be to strike a $\frac{1}{4}$ " dot with a full swing of the axe. Total points for three swings, determined by nearness to the dot, will be used for the score.
6. Axe Throw. The object will be to throw an axe at a target. The axe must weigh 2 lbs. and be 24" long. Each man will get several practice throws and 3 official throws.
7. Pulp Throw for Distance and Accuracy. The object will be to throw a 4 foot stick of hardwood pulp for distance along an assigned line of travel. Scoring will be made on the best of three throws.
8. Spin Casting. The object will be to cast a $\frac{3}{8}$ oz. plug into a target from various distances for accuracy. Each person will have 2 casts from three distances: 40 - 50 - 60 feet.
9. Fly Casting. The object will be to cast a fly into a target from various distances for accuracy. Each person will have 2 casts from three distances: 30 - 40 - 50 feet.

10. Chain Throw. The object will be to wind up and "throw" the unravelled chain, a forest surveyor's device. Scoring is determined by speed and by appearance of the "thrown" chain.
11. Scoot Loading. The object of this event will be to load three logs up a ramp onto a scoot for speed. Peaveys are the only tools allowed for this event.
12. Pulp Throwing. The object will be to throw pulpwood between 2 sets of stakes 20 feet apart. Number one man will throw 4 pieces from pit A to pit B. Number two man will retrieve and throw the pulp back to pit A. The pulp will be thrown back and forth until 48 sticks have landed between the stakes. This is a team event.
13. Log Rolling. The object will be to roll, with the aid of peaveys, a log for speed. The first two men will roll the log from the starting stakes around a dogleg to another set of stakes. A second set of men will roll the log back to the starting place. Then the remaining pair returns the log to end the event.
14. Felling. The object will be to fell a pole as accurately as possible. With one man beginning and the second man finishing the cut, the two men will fell the pole as close as possible to a stake planted in the ground.
15. Splitting. The object of this event will be to split 6 bolts of wood each into 4 pieces. Each man will have 2 bolts to split.
16. Speed Chopping. The object will be to chop through an 8" x 8" white pine cant. Three men in turn will each make complete cuts with axes through a cant.
17. Buck Sawing. The object will be to cut through an 8" x 8" square white pine cant. One buck saw is used and each man makes 2 cuts and hands the saw to the next man.
18. Crosscut sawing. The object will be to cut through an 8" x 8" white pine cant. The teams will divide into 3 pairs and each pair will cut 3 discs and hand the saw to the next pair until 9 discs have been cut.
19. Fire Building. The object will be to boil a given amount of soapy water in the shortest time. Each man will have an axe, a knife, three wooden matches and a block of wood at his disposal.

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